

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend Paragraph [0001] This application is related to U.S. application Sr. No. 10/731,743 (TI-36014) filed on even date and, entitled "PCI Express Switch", which is incorporated herein by reference.

Amend Paragraph [0003], Peripheral Component Interconnect (PCI) is a parallel bus architecture developed in 1992 which has become the predominant local bus for personal computers and similar platforms. The implementation of this technology has come close to its practical limits of performance and can not easily be scaled up in frequency or down in voltage. A new architecture utilizing point-to-point transmission, having a higher speed, and which is scalable for future improvements, is ~~known~~ known as PCI Express.